

Proclamation



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

MARCH 2012

WHEREAS, women have made substantial contributions to our society – expanding our economy as entrepreneurs and business leaders; parents, teachers and administrators, nurses, physicians and scientists, and comprising nearly half of our workforce serving at high levels of government; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, the District of Columbia established a Commission for Women to develop strategies to enhance the status of women and girls, and serve as the government's liaison to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Commission was expanded to include the Office on Women's Policy and through their efforts and with other advocacy organizations, tremendous progress has been made in the struggle for gender-based equality in access to education, fair compensation and overall civil rights; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to recommit our support for efforts to eliminate remaining inequities that impair women and girls across the District from achieving true parity and reaching their full potential:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim March 2012 as "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH" in Washington, D.C., and call upon all the residents of this great city to join me in acknowledging the accomplishments of women and continue to work to ensure that they receive equal opportunities.



